

ERRY CHRISTMAS



The Monroe News-Star

Full Leased Wire Associated Press Service

Published Daily Except Saturday & Sunday
By News-Star-World Publishing Co., Ltd.

MONROE, LOUISIANA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1933

Entered as Second Class Matter
June 1, 1909, at Monroe Postoffice

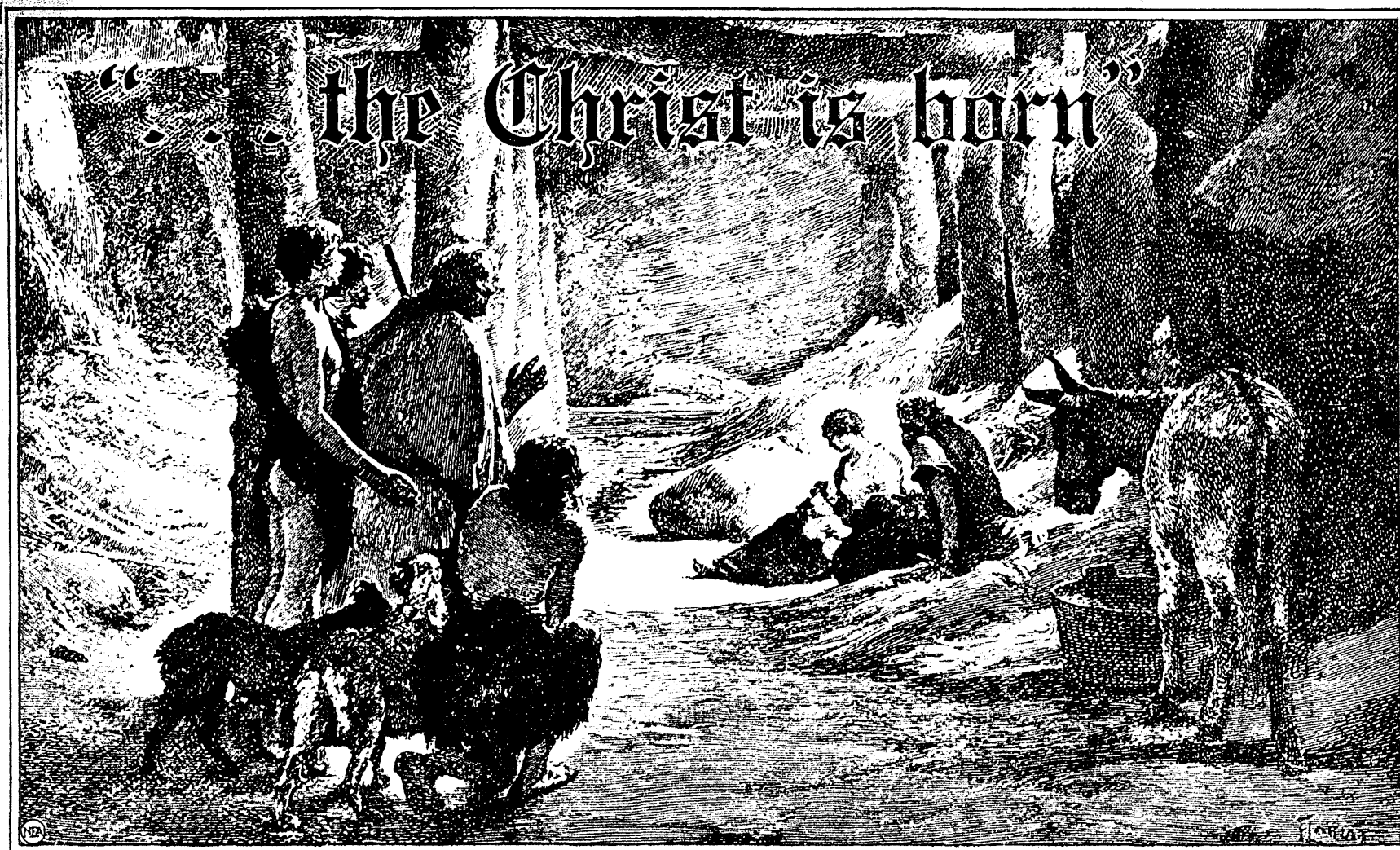
THE WEATHER

LOUISIANA: Cloudy with probably occasional rains tonight and Tuesday; slightly colder tonight. Light to moderate variable winds on the coast.
ARKANSAS: Cloudy, probably occasional rains in south and rain or snow in central and north portions tonight and Tuesday; slightly colder in west-central portion tonight.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

PERSONS DIE IN FRENCH RAIL DISASTER

Armenian Church Archbishop Assassinated



And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and said: Behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And... the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.—St. Luke 11:8-16.

From Florian's etching of Henri Lerolle's "Arrival of the Shepherds" go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.—St. Luke 11:8-16.

go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.—St. Luke 11:8-16.

2 TRAINS CRASH DURING FOG NEAR NATION'S CAPITOL

Accident Is Worst In History of France; Probe Started

STATESMAN IS KILLED

Dead To Be Paid Official Homage by President Of Republic

PARIS, Dec. 25.—(AP)—France counted 193 dead today after a train wreck—and Christmas became for most of the nation a holiday of despair.

The accident—the worst in France's history—came Saturday night when the speeding Strasbourg flier telegraphed the wooden coaches of the Nancy Express in a fog at Lagny, 17 miles from here. Both trains were filled with holiday-bound passengers.

The dead included the French statesman, Paul Morel, former cabinet minister, and his wife. How great the death toll will be is not known even yet for many persons lay critically injured in hospitals as dawn found rescue workers still probing the tangled and splintered wreckage.

Railroad authorities set the official death list at 193, of whom 160 lay in the black-draped Eastern Railway station—now a temporary morgue. Of the 160, police still were unable to identify 31. Authorities feared at least 10 of the 31, most seriously injured might die.

France prepared to pay the dead official honor with President LeBrun representing the nation in a tribute at the Eastern Railway station.

A great national ceremony of sorrow has been fixed for Wednesday. The delay was made in the hope of completing identification of bodies. Newspapers are printing descriptions of clothing and features of those still unidentified.

Both the engineer and fireman of the Strasbourg flier are in jail. Their locomotive was seized up by the police and guarded by gendarmes to await expert examination by government engineers who are charged with the official investigation.

Both the engineer, Lucien Dautigny, and his fireman, Henri Charpentier, claimed they had been given green lights, the signal of a clear track ahead. Railroad officials, however, said the block light had been red.

The possibility that the fog made a red signal appear green was already under investigation. An official, Dr. Boudier, stated that while fog undoubtedly affects colors, the change would be made in the opposite sense—that is green would tend to appear yellow but a white fog could not change a red light to another color.

It already appeared likely that the crushing of the wooden cars would bring about government action to cause all passenger cars to be made of steel. It was announced that the government would be interviewed in the chamber of deputies on the accident.

DATE OF MAYOR RACE DOUBTFUL

Registration Rolls to Remain Open This Week At Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25.—(AP)—The date of New Orleans' triangular mayoralty race next month was still in doubt today.

The contest over the office will pit the newly antagonistic forces of Mayor T. Semmes Wainwright and Senator Huey P. Long against each other. The third angle is furnished by Francis Williams, independent candidate.

C. S. Barnes, parish registrar of voters, announced yesterday that the registration rolls would remain open this week, although it was previously announced they would be closed last Saturday.

It has been generally understood that the primary would be held January 23, as the closing of the registration books had been announced for December 23, 30 days before the election, as required by law.

James A. Grasser, chairman of the Orleans Parish Democratic committee, said that if the primary is held January 23, those registering after December 23 will not be eligible to vote. He said, however, that if the primary is held January 30, they will be allowed to vote.

The committee will meet on January 2 to fix the date of the election officially.

PRIMATE STABBED TO DEATH WHILE IN PROCESSIONAL

Edifice Shuttered, Silent Amidst Chorus of Christmas Hymns

ASSAILANTS CAPTURED

Cause of Attack Believed To Be Prelate's Pro-Sovietism

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—(AP)—The Holy Cross Apostolic church was shuttered and silent today amid the chorus of Christmas hymns from neighboring houses of worship, its altar desecrated by the blood of its primate, stabbed to death as he opened Sunday morning's service.

Archbishop Leon Tourian, head of the Armenian church of North and South America, was murdered before a horrified congregation by a band of political assassins as he moved up the aisle in the colorful processional march. The killers closed in on the prelate silently and swiftly as he passed the rear pews behind his acolytes and choir.

Under a rain of knife-thrusts he dropped the cross he was holding aloft and crumpled without a cry to the floor where he died while the enraged crowd was still struggling with his murderers. He had been stabbed three times in the abdomen.

The suddenness of the crime and the uproar which followed made it difficult for the police to find out how many men had been in the attacking group or how many had participated in the actual killing.

One of the assailants hurled a blood-stained knife in the direction of the altar and dashed toward the rear of the church, where he was turned back into the crowd by the gun of the prelate's personal bodyguard, drawn too late to avert the killing.

A moment later a police officer fought his way through the milling worshippers and rescued two battered men who were being beaten by members of the congregation. At police headquarters they were held on homicide charges after extensive questioning. They gave their names as:

(Continued on Seventh Page)

29 NATIONS HIKE PURCHASES FROM U. S. DURING '33

Survey of National Chamber of Commerce Is Made Known

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Twenty-nine countries were shown by the United States Chamber of Commerce today to have increased their purchases from the United States in the first nine months of 1933.

In a survey by the foreign commerce department of the chamber, it was said that especially encouraging were the increased purchases by 14 countries in the Western Hemisphere.

The following list shows the gains for the 29 countries in the first nine months of this year compared with the similar period of 1932.

Italy, 20.1 per cent; Belgium, 3 per cent; Spain, 2.4; Poland, and Denmark, 11.3; Portugal, 18.8; Finland, 7; Romania, 14.4; Mexico, 14.3; Argentina, 9.3; Brazil, 3.5; Panama, 3; Colombia, 4.3; Venezuela, 1.4; Dutch West Indies, 4.7; Dominican Republic, 13; (Continued on Eighth Page)

Sanders Rests Monday; To End Campaign Tuesday

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 25.—(AP)—J. Y. Sanders, Jr., sixth district congressional candidate in the "citizens election" Wednesday, rested today after holding a Christmas eve rally yesterday at Gonzales.

Sanders' extensive stump tour of the district will be brought to a close here tomorrow night at an election eve rally at the community club. Sanders is contesting the "election" early this month of Mrs. Bolivar E. Kemp as sixth district congresswoman without a primary election.

GEORGE M'CRANIE STRUCK BY TRAIN AT I. C. CROSSING

Local Man Is Believed To Have Sustained Broken Shoulder

While walking westward on the Illinois Central tracks, between North Third and North Second streets, at 9:45 o'clock Monday morning, George McCranie, 35, was struck by west-bound passenger train No. 201. He was thrown a few feet and sustained serious injuries, the extent of which had yet to be determined. He is believed to have sustained a fractured left shoulder and possible internal injuries. He was rushed to St. Francis sanitarium.

McCranie was believed to have heard the approaching train behind him but to have thought that he was on another track than that of the main line.

The engineer saw the man and endeavored to stop his train. The fact that he was running slowly, as is the custom through downtown Monroe, probably saved the man's life. As it was, the cowcatcher brushed him clear of the track, but his body came down with a hard blow a few feet north of the main line.

A number of people were in the (Continued on Eighth Page)

Fuller, Stabbing Victim, 'Is Resting Comfortably'

Reese Fuller, who was slashed by a knife in a four-man fight that took place on Natchitoches street, West Monroe, Saturday morning, was "resting as comfortably as could be expected" Monday at St. Francis sanitarium, where he was taken immediately after he had received serious injuries. J. C. Brooks, 19, is being held in the parish jail pending the outcome of the man's injuries.

It was stated Saturday that Fuller had a little better than a 50 per cent chance for recovery. The knife entered Fuller's side about the sixth or seventh rib and penetrated the left lung, resulting in a considerable hemorrhage of the lung and plural cavity.

Others than Brooks who are said to have been involved in the fight were W. E. Brooks, 39, father of J. C. Brooks, and Hugh Poe. All lived in ward 7 and came to town in a bus Saturday. It is said that "bad blood" had existed for some time and that Fuller and the older Brooks had quarreled on the way to the city.

TRANSPORTATION GENERAL STRIKE BROUGHT TO END

Sympathy Walkout Is Terminated by Action Of Union Leaders

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Harassed Philadelphia merchants found a somewhat unexpected Christmas present in their collective stocking today in the form of an announcement that the general strike of transportation and delivery workers has been terminated.

Scarcely three days old, the strike called in sympathy with striking taxicab drivers of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company, was halted last night by union leaders after a telegram from international headquarters of the teamsters' union expressed "bitter" opposition to the movement.

At a lengthy meeting of the strike council it was decided to resolve the general walkout into individual strikes of four locals of the international union—the taxicab drivers, milk and laundry drivers and the brotherhood of transportation workers.

"There are several locals involved in strikes and lockouts," said a statement from the strike council. "These unions are fighting for their rights to organize and bargain collectively in accordance with the NRA. Only where employers have refused to negotiate (Continued on Seventh Page)

School Musicians Play In Symphony Orchestra

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 25.—(AP)—The New Haven symphony orchestra, declared to be the only university-supported symphony orchestra in the United States draws on the public school system for woodwind and brass players, since the city does not yield a sufficient number of instrumentalists.

Professor William Lyon Phelps has been president of the orchestra 21 years, and its leader for many years is Dean David Stanley Smith of Yale school of music.

Navajo Indians Seek Presents From 'Pale Face Santa Claus'

GALLUP, N. M., Dec. 25.—(AP)—While Navajo Indians today made their annual trek to find "Pale Face Santa Claus" who presents them tidbits and sweets on Christmas day.

Zuni, Pueblo village of the Zuni Indians, pursued its steadfast way in supplication to Pagan gods, old even when Coronado set his eyes on their Hiawakuh, one of the seven cities of Cibola, 393 years ago.

Teshque, a nine-day period of chastity and fasting during which even fires of the village are put out, began last Tuesday and no amount of "pale face" enthusiasm could persuade the stocky tribesmen to break the sacred vigil.

Throughout the Navajo reservation, however, in northwestern New Mexico (Continued on Seventh Page)

MONROE CITIZENS ENJOY CHRISTMAS

Santa Claus More Generous; Underprivileged Are Remembered

Residents of Monroe and West Monroe enjoyed a real Christmas. Santa Claus was more generously inclined than in the past three or four years, and the general public was remembered in kindly manner.

Sunday was a busy day for it marked the winding up of preparations for the great holiday. The Good Fellows brought to a close their campaign and the less fortunate have been cared for through this means. The Salvation Army put out a large number of baskets and the Welfare (Continued on Seventh Page)

THIRTY-ONE INJURED BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Thirty-one persons were treated in Birmingham hospitals last night and today for burns and other injuries resulting from Christmas fireworks.

None of the injured was in serious condition. Officials estimated that dozens of others were treated in drug stores and homes for minor injuries.

ZUNIS ENGAGE IN FAST; 'KISHMAS' IS OBSERVED

THREE MIDNIGHT SERVICES HELD HERE ON MONDAY

Worship Is Conducted At Catholic and Episcopal Churches

Three impressive midnight services appropriate to the Christmas season were held in Monroe on Christmas. They were the services at Grace Episcopal church and midnight masses at St. Matthew's Catholic church and St. Francis sanitarium chapel.

The musical selections were particularly elaborate at Grace and St. Matthew's churches. A sermon was delivered to a large throng at the Grace church by the rector, Rev. E. F. Hayward.

At St. Matthew's church, announcement had been made that at the stroke of midnight, doors would be locked and none could be admitted thereafter. However, early comers began to arrive shortly after 11 o'clock and at 11:30, the large auditorium was filled and throngs endeavored to find their way into the edifice. So many were standing that it was impossible to close the doors and fasten them as had been previously planned.

In addition to the impressive music of the high mass, there was a short sermon by the pastor, Rev. N. F. Vandegard.

Some persons who could not gain admittance to the church went to the chapel in St. Francis sanitarium where a mass was conducted by Rev. John Vandegard. In his talk he placed emphasis on the true spirit of Christmas.

A brief funeral service is to be held at St. Francis chapel Monday afternoon. The time for the holding of the service had not been determined up to noon.

Mrs. W. H. Hammett, 60, proprietor of the Como rooming house at 504 1-2 DeSiard street, was found dead in her bed at 11:30 a.m. Sunday. Coroner C. L. Mengis, who was called in connection with the case, returned a report that death resulted from natural causes.

A brief funeral service is to be held at St. Francis chapel Monday afternoon. The time for the holding of the service had not been determined up to noon.

Jes' Ramblin' ABOUT THE TOWN

By H. H. B.

Merry Christmas to one and all! Once more the days have rolled around and the time-honored holiday is with us which affords opportunity to show the spirit which has been the inspiration and hope of more than 19 centuries. It is not a day for selfish feasting and indulgence, but for the exhibition of those characteristics that are the most ennobling that man can possess. Regardless of religious creed, this day has gripped and always will grip, the heartstrings of humanity, bringing inspiration for the performing of deeds of altruism that are the correct basis of man's relations with man.

A little barefoot boy or girl with clothes that scarcely protect from the rigors of wintry weather, occasions far more interest and sympathy at Christmas time than at any other time of the year. The urge to do something for someone else less fortunate impels prompt action at this time of the year more than at any other period. The appetite of the hungry man is appeased. Temporary work, at least, is found for the jobless. Thousands of deeds of altruism are to be found on every hand at Christmas time, for it is a spark of the divine that is impelling the deed of brotherly love. Only as one shares his fortune, be it large or small, with the other fellow who has less, is there to be found real happiness, assuring that it is indeed more blessed to give than to receive.

A Monroe man—we all know him, but his name is, at this special request, being withheld—this year possessed the true spirit of Christmas. Early last Saturday he went to a DeSiard street bank and withdrew \$25, which he asked to be given him in 25 crisp one-dollar bills. Then he went to a certain neighborhood, not far from a public school of Monroe, where he knew there were many little children whose pinched features and scanty raiment told all too plainly that there would be little outlook for the enjoyment of a real Christmas. With almost paternal pride, he gave each a one-dollar bill with a hearty "God bless you and may you have a Merry Christmas!" The reward, the only one he sought, was the happy smiles of the little folks whose eagerly outstretched hands received the unexpected generosity. That man, today, will enjoy a real Christmas. He is not rich. He only did a little, but he made 25 children of Monroe a bit happier on the eve of the great holiday.

If only this good fellowship, these deeds of unselfish love for one another, could be spread through the other 364 days of the year, the millennium would be almost established overnight.

The Christmas spirit is being spread out and touched John (Jack) Barry, ex-convict labor racketeer, arrested and gave bond on a gracy. "as," he explained, "and (Continued on Seventh Page)

CAPTURES R SUNDAY

Ident Battles In Home; Arrest Affected

bought a thrilling battle in his home at 611 about 9 p.m. Sunday; a battle in the living room, who was up on a police station to be taken from person to years

the man but was and the



Portrait of one of your Customers

This lady is typical of your customers in at least one respect. She does most of her shopping before she ever gets inside of your store. In fact, she has practically completed her shopping tour, except for a few odds and ends, before she even leaves her home.

The daily newspaper is her shopping guide. Here values are studied and sifted . . . here desires are created to be gratified the same day or the next.

Daily newspapers always have been the principal shop-

ping place. That's why they carry far more advertising than all the other media put together.

And today, the newspaper is more productive than ever. Because today's newspaper has unprecedented reader interest. Things are happening so fast . . . world changes taking place. People are spending more time on their newspapers . . . more time on your advertising.

The greater interest in daily newspapers today means that your advertising is greater news than it ever has been. The tempo of business has quickened. To get your fair share of this increased volume, display your merchandise and tell your story adequately in newspapers. Newspaper advertising produces immediate action.

FIGURES OF INTEREST TO CAREFUL BUYERS

- Three-quarters of all advertising money is spent in newspapers.
- U. S. Retailers use \$450,000,000 in newspapers annually.
- The average adult devotes 42% of his or her reading time to newspapers.
- Women buyers write 40,000,000 letters yearly to their local newspapers.

TODAY...THE EYES OF THE WORLD ARE ON NEWSPAPERS

Monroe Morning World

MEMBER OF THE SOUTHERN NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS' ASSOCIATION

